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In re Patent Application of:
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ACTIVITY AND METHODS OF USE
THEREOF

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Non-Final Office Action mailed September 25, 2006 ("the OA"), Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response was initially due December 26, 2006. A petition for an extension of time of one month, to January 25, 2007, is attached hereto, along with the required fee. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Amendment to the claims is reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 20 of this paper.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal letter, petition for an extension of time of one month, postcard.